

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment, Claims 5-8 are pending in the Application.

Please amend the claim of priority under 35 USC § 120 to indicate that this application is a continuation of parent application bearing Serial No. 09/568,276, filed May 10, 2000; both the classification and serial number have been amended.

Please cancel claims 5-8 without prejudice. Please add new Claims 9-12.

Claims 9-12 are now pending in the application.

Finally, please note that the Attorney docket number has been changed to 678-485 CON.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request substantive examination of the claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Farrell", written in a cursive style.

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